



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Reply To
Attn Of: OWW-134

SEP 14 1995

Chief J. Allan, Chairman
Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
850 A Street
P.O. Box 408
Plummer, Idaho

RE: Lake Creek Water Quality Improvement Plan (TMDL)

Dear Mr. Allan:

Enclosed is a copy of the Lake Creek Water Quality Improvement Plan (TMDL) prepared jointly by United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (EPA) and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe (Tribe) and two issuance pages requiring signatures from EPA and the Tribe. I have already signed this TMDL on the behalf of EPA. With your signature, this TMDL can be considered completed and ready for implementation.

Please keep one of the issuance pages for your records and return one of the issuance pages with both of the signatures for our records to the following address:

U.S. EPA, Region 10
Office of Water and Watersheds (OW-134)
1200 Sixth Ave
Seattle, WA 98101
Attn: Jayne Carlin

We appreciate the commitment and dedication shown by Scott Fields and Dee Bailey. They have provided key information and technical analysis in development of this TMDL, resulting in a document that will be of much greater use to restore and improve Lake Creek's water quality. We look forward to our continued partnership in the development of other TMDLs located on the Coeur d'Alene reservation and in the implementation of this TMDL and restoration of water quality in Lake Creek.

If you have any questions, please feel call me at (206) 553-7151, or you may call Jayne Carlin of my staff at (206) 553-8512.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael F. Gearheard".

Michael F. Gearheard, Director
Office of Water and Watersheds
U.S. EPA Region 10

Enclosure

cc: Scott Fields, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Dee Bailey, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Toni Hardesty, IDEQ
Marti Bridges, IDEQ
Ed Tulloch, IDEQ, Coeur d'Alene Regional Office
Glen Rothrock, IDEQ, Coeur d'Alene Regional Office

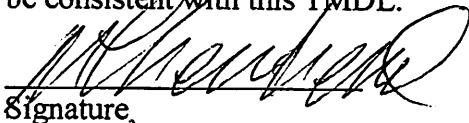
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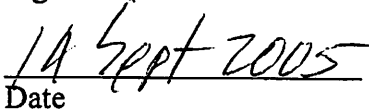
**Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)
for
Lake Creek in the Coeur d'Alene Lake Basin**

Under authority of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1251 et seq., as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, P.L. 100-4, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe are jointly establishing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for sediments within the Coeur d'Alene tribal reservation boundaries of Lake Creek in the Coeur d'Alene Lake Subbasin.

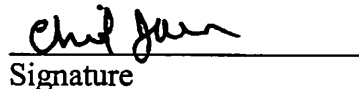
The joint establishment of this TMDL does not and shall not be utilized or construed to establish, waive or otherwise affect any claims of sovereignty, jurisdiction, or other authorities of the Environmental Protection Agency or the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

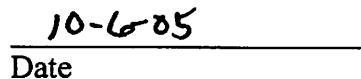
This TMDL shall become effective immediately. Future implementation activities shall be consistent with this TMDL.


Signature


Date

Michael F. Gearheard
Office of Water and Watersheds Director
U.S. EPA Region 10


Signature


Date

Chief J. Allan
Tribal Council Chairman
Coeur d'Alene Tribe